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SUBJECT: DISARMAMENT: DRAFT CTB RESOLUTION

DELEGATION SHOULD ABSTAIN ON DRAFT CTB RES A/C.1/L.683 SPONSORED BY AUSTRALIA, MEXICO, NEW ZEALAND, AND OTHERS.

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DELEGATION SHOULD USE FOLLOWING EXPLANATION OF VOTE:

"MY DELEGATION AGREES WITH THE SENSE OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION CONTAINED IN A/C.1/L.683 INSOFAR AS IT STRESSES THE IMPORTANCE OF PROGRESS TOWARD A COMPREHENSIVE NUCLEAR TEST BAN. WE ALSO AGREE ON THE DESIRABILITY OF WIDER ADHERENCE TO THE TREATY OF 1963 WHICH BANS NUCLEAR WEAPONS TESTS AND ANY OTHER NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS IN THE ATMOSPHERE, IN OUTER SPACE, AND UNDER WATER. MY GOVERNMENT CONTINUES TO PLACE THE HIGHEST VALUE ON THAT TREATY. THEREFORE, I WOULD LIKE TO EXPLAIN WHY THE UNITED STATES WILL ABSTAIN IN THE VOTE ON THIS RESOLUTION.

"AS WE HAVE POINTED OUT ON MANY OCCASIONS, THE QUESTION OF A COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN DOES NOT LEND ITSELF TO EASY AND IMMEDIATE SOLUTIONS, SINCE, IN OUR VIEW, ACHIEVEMENT OF SUCH A BAN DEPENDS ON RESOLUTION OF THE COMPLEX PROBLEM OF VERIFICATION. IN THE ABSENCE OF PROGRESS TOWARD GENERAL AGREEMENT ON EFFECTIVE VERIFICATION, MY GOVERNMENT DOES NOT BELIEVE IT IS USEFUL TO CALL FOR THE URGENT CONCLUSION OF A COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN AGREEMENT. NOR CAN MY GOVERNMENT ACCEPT A MORATORIUM ON NUCLEAR TESTING PENDING CONCLUSION OF SUCH AN AGREEMENT, AS CALLED FOR IN OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH SIX, SINCE A MORATORIUM WHICH WAS NOT ADEQUATELY VERIFIED WOULD HAVE MANY OF THE SAME PROBLEMS AS A FORMAL AGREEMENT THAT DID NOT CONTAIN ADEQUATE VERIFICATION PROVISIONS.

"ALTHOUGH THE UNITED STATES CANNOT SUPPORT THIS DRAFT RESOLUTION, I WISH TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REAFFIRM MY COUNTRY'S LONGSTANDING COMMITMENT TO A COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN, PURSUANT TO AN ADEQUATELY VERIFIED TREATY--A COMMITMENT WHICH WE BELIEVE WAS ADVANCED THIS YEAR BY THE CONCLUSION BETWEEN MY GOVERNMENT AND THAT OF THE USSR OF THE TREATY ON THE LIMITATION OF UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR WEAPONS TESTS. KISSINGER

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